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| Title:     | NITROGEN RECOVERY SYSTEM AND METHOD<br>USING HEATED AIR AS STRIPPING GAS |   |

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.36 AND § 10.40

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 11, 2008

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AND REASON THEREFOR

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 and 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c), the undersigned hereby request permission to withdraw as attorneys of record in the above-referenced issued patent because of nonpayment by the applicant for an unreasonable period of time 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c)(1)(vi).

ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION

The above-identified issued patent has been assigned by the inventor to Environmental Energy & Engineering Co. as evidenced by an assignment recorded at Reel 017593, Frame 0790.

ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR ASSIGNEE TO ACT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 10.40(a), the undersigned have taken reasonable steps to avoid foreseeable prejudice to the rights of the assignee. The status of the issued patent is as follows: First Maintenance Fee due June 26, 2010. The assignee has sufficient time to seek and employ another practitioner for this issued patent before any additional action is required.

ASSIGNEE NOTIFIED OF WITHDRAWAL

By way of correspondence dated July 11, 2008, assignee was informed of the withdrawal of Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness<sup>PLLC</sup> as attorneys of record for this issued patent. Due notice has been given to the assignee of the undersigned withdrawal from employment and of the filing of this paper with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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### PAPERS AND PROPERTY DELIVERED TO ASSIGNEE

During the course of prosecution, the undersigned have provided assignee with all papers and property to which the assignee is entitled concerning the prosecution of the above-identified issued patent. The undersigned have also notified the assignee of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the assignee must respond.

### LAST KNOWN MAILING ADDRESS OF ASSIGNEE

The last known mailing address of the applicant is 6007 Hill Street Northeast, Olympia, Washington 98516. Future correspondence should be mailed to applicant at that address.

### WITHDRAWAL OF ATTORNEYS

This Request for Permission to Withdraw as Attorneys of Record is being signed by Jeffrey M. Sakoi on behalf of himself and all attorneys and agents who are members of, employed by, or otherwise associated with the firm of Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness<sup>PLLC</sup>, Customer No. 26389, and explicitly the attorneys of record named in the power of attorney on file in this matter.

A copy of this Request is being forwarded to assignee at the mailing address set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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